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SUBJEVT: SKAGIT RIVER VALLEY FLOODING

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1. TERM " SPECIAL RECREATION AREA" WAS ESTABLISHED BY PREVIOUS B;C. PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AS REDEFINITION CLASS B ARK CATEGORY UNDER PARK ACT. IT REQUIRES ONLY ORDER IN COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FOR PROTECTION OF SPECIFIED AREA FOR RECREATION PURPOSES, WITH PROVISO THAT MINISTER MAY PERMIT RESOURCE EXPLOITATION SUCH AS MINING IF MINISTER DETERMINES THAT THIS WORLD NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO INTENDED RECREATIONAL USES OF AREA.
2. ACTUAL ORDER IN COUNCIL RE SKAGIOHZONE (VANCOUVER 552) IS STILL IN PROCESS BEING XRAFTED, ACCOVDING TO RELIABLE SOURCE, BUT OFFICIA PRESS RELEASE (BEING POUCHED) IS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF GOVERNMENT'S DECISION. THERE NEED BE NO RPT NO LEGISLATIVE ACTION UNDER B.C. PARK ACT.
3. AS TO LEGAL EFFECT, IF ANY, ON CONTRACT WITH SEATTE CITY LIGHO CO., BELIEVE ONLY COURTS CAN MAKEPDETERMINATION. SIGNIFCANCE OK MOVE, IN MY VIEW, IS ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL; THIS IS SIMPLY ANOTHER PUBLICLY EXPRESSIVE DISPLAY OF B.C. GOT. POLICY TO OPPOSE PROPOSED ADDITIONAL FLOODING SKAGIT VALLEY. YOUR SOURCES POINT THAT RAISING WATER LEVEL IS CONSISTENT WITH

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RECREATIONAL USES OF AREA HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY MADE HERE BY

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